

NEW YORK'S POSITION.

Presidentially a Remarkably Uncertain State.

DEMOCRATS CAN NOT DEPEND

On It—What a Democratic Paper Says—Analysis of the Vote for Fifty Years Past, During Which Time the Democrats Have Only Carried the State Five Times for President and Only Once by an Undisputed Majority—A Good Article to Preserve for Reference.

New York, April 12.—The following editorial appears in the *World* (Dem.): We have received the following letter: Two gentlemen of this city had a discussion a few days ago as to the relative strength of the two great political parties in the state of New York. One claimed that the state is Republican on a full vote and honest count; the other claimed it to be Democratic. It is hardly necessary to state that one of these gentlemen was a Republican and the other a Democrat. Each agreed to accept the decision or opinion of the *New York World*. Will you kindly answer this question, whether New York state is Democratic or Republican on a full vote? Very respectfully,
H. W. CLARK.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 31.
The *World* accepts the position of arbiter in this discussion, and will decide the question in a judicial spirit. The vote of this state in presidential elections for the past fifty years has been as follows:

Year.	Dem.	Whig.	Abolition.
1810	212,327	225,817	2,508
1814	227,583	232,142	15,312
1818	227,583	232,142	15,312
1822	114,318	218,000	120,240
1826	262,080	224,882	25,222
1830	324,311	183,244	9,045
1834	103,878	276,607	121,691
1838	312,310	262,648	12,042
1842	304,266	268,753	12,042
1846	429,883	419,883	1,000
1850	387,279	440,759	4,270
1854	321,919	489,237	15,155
1858	324,311	183,244	9,045
1862	313,648	262,001	12,042
1866	625,757	448,759	12,042

From these figures it appears that the Democrats have carried New York for President five times in the last fifty years and only three times by an absolute majority.

In 1844 Polk obtained a plurality of 5,000 over Clay through the diversion of 15,812 Whig votes to Birney, the Abolition candidate.

In 1852 Pierce obtained a plurality of 27,201 over Scott and a majority of 1,782 over all the Free Soil candidate polling 25,320.

In 1858 Seymour had the phenomenal even and round majority of precisely 10,000 votes over Grant, but the election laws were then under the regime of Mr. Tweed and the result was not beyond suspicion.

In 1870 Samuel J. Tilden carried the state by a clear majority of 23,396, after one of the most brilliantly conducted and thoroughly organized canvasses ever made in New York.

In 1874 Grover Cleveland received the plurality of 1,017. This was of course a mere "scratch." The blundering alliteration of Dr. Burchard no doubt cost Mr. Blaine more than this number of votes. The prohibitionists cast 25,000 votes, five-sixths of them Republican. The cutting of Blaine by the Conkling stalwarts in Oneida county alone was sufficient to beat him.

It thus appears that in thirteen presidential elections, covering a period of more than half a century, the Democrats have carried New York in only five, and but one of these by an unquestioned and decisive majority.

The case is even more striking when the examination is confined to the elections since the organization of the Republican party in 1856. Of the nine presidential contests since that time the Democrats have won only the victories in 1860 and 1884 and the more undisputed and complete triumph in 1876.

Taking up the state elections for the past ten years, this is the showing:

Year.	Dem.	Rep.	Whig.	Pro.	Ph.
1882	535,438	242,464	11,974	25,783	119,284
1886	427,538	446,105	7,221	18,816	15,884
1890	501,455	499,231	2,130	9,867	11,171
1894	468,455	460,637	2,181	26,414	7,818
1898	460,888	432,811	70,053	11,850	17,677
1902	529,464	431,297	20,215	10,177	19,171
1906	508,894	483,367	20,800	10,177	19,171
1910	582,883	561,906	14,651	30,233	47,937

Dem. majorities 1882, 1890, 1902, 1906, 1910.

U. Labor.

The extraordinary Democratic majority in 1882, was, of course, not a normal result. It was due to a deep and widespread Republican revolt against an assumed attempt to dictate the party nominations from Washington and an apparent endeavor to compass this end by fraudulent means. There was no Democratic majority between the large one for Cleveland in 1882 and the small one for Flower last year. In every election between these two the drawings off of the Republican votes to the prohibition candidates has enabled the Democrats to win by a plurality. The fact that they have won for seven years in succession is, however, pretty good proof that New York is Democratic in state elections.

The large plurality and small majority for Governor Flower must in all fairness—from a judicial point of view—be explained by the absence of 113,803 Republicans from the polls—measuring the loss from the vote given to Mr. Harrison in 1888—while only 52,864 Democrats stayed at home, comparing Mr. Flower's vote with President Cleveland's. The Democratic vote is largely in the cities, and can more easily be polled than the Republican vote, the bulk of which is in the country districts, and can only be called out in its full strength upon extraordinary occasions, such as the great excitement incident to a presidential election, but lacking in "official years."

The decision of the *World*, therefore, is that New York is in a presidential year neither Democratic nor Republican until after the votes are counted. It is presidentially a remarkably uncertain state.

To carry it this year the Democrats will need the best possible conditions as to candidates, issues and platform, entire harmony in the party and a most vigorous, intelligent and enthusiastic canvass. The vote of the state in November, judging by the ratio of increase between the two last presiden-

tial elections, will be close upon 1,500,000, or nearly 200,000 in excess of the presidential vote in 1888, and 340,000 more than were polled for governor last year. To secure a majority, or even a plurality, of that great number will be a remarkable achievement.

BEAUTIFYING THE HOME.

How to Renovate Old Furniture—Practical Suggestions.

Almost all housekeepers have some pieces of old furniture, some from association and probably valuable in itself, that they may wish to make more presentable. From choice, or from necessity, they may wish to do this work themselves, and to show that such work may be done as well at home by an ordinarily careful person as by a practical finisher in a shop is the object of this article.

STAINING.

Beware of stains; they all fade, particularly when exposed to the light, and there is nothing so beautiful as the wood; the older the handsomer. The fading red stains, misnamed "mahogany" and "cherry," that have been so much used for furniture and interior decoration are no longer used.

THE OLD OAK CHAIR.

If you wish to beautify an old oak chair take a sponge dipped in strong ammonia and moisten the old varnish until it may be scraped off with a piece of glass down to the plain wood. When the varnish is all off and the wood dry, sandpaper the chair thoroughly with fine sandpaper, No. 0 or 00. Get it as smooth as possible; half the battle is in getting a smooth surface to work upon. You need no wood filler, as the old varnish has completely filled the pores.

THE FIRST COAT.

The first coat should be pure shellac varnish; white if you want to retain the color of the wood; orange, if you wish a darker tone. Let the varnish dry until the next day, then, with your fine sandpaper, go over it again very lightly.

SUCCESSIVE COATS.

There are a great many varnishes suitable for finishing; any dealer will furnish you with a "rubbing varnish," or a "hard oil finish." Don't take "furniture varnish," as it will not rub. Apply not less than three coats of varnish, exclusive of the shellac, allowing at least 48 hours for each coat to dry. When the second coat is dry go over it again with your sandpaper, the object being to keep the wood perfectly smooth. Let the last coat dry three days, then put a small quantity of powdered pumice stone in a saucer, and some raw linseed oil in another, and with a soft flannel cloth rub away at your chair, keeping your cloth well oiled. Don't get discouraged over the carving; if there should be any; with a sharp-pointed stick you can cut into all its turns and cuts. Don't rub at an easy pace too long, or you will cut the varnish off; all you want to do is to take off the gloss and get it smooth. Wipe the wood off as you go along with a soft cloth until it is perfectly smooth.

A DEAD FINISH.

When you have laid your last coat of varnish you will find it very brilliant; but after rubbing, as ordered above, you will have what is called a "dead finish," which is far preferable to the brilliant, but not smooth, finish of unvarnished wood. A chair finished "dead" will get smoother with constant rubbing, while a brilliant finish will get rougher in a short time.

PANEL POLISHING.

To produce a bright polish on panels, or other plain surfaces; where a brilliant polish is wanted to contrast with the dead finish, work to a dead finish first, then polish with powdered rotten stone and oil, in the same manner as you used the pumice stone. The brilliancy of the polish will only be limited by the amount of labor expended. Put the finishing touch to the polished surface by rubbing it with the palm of the hand, dipping it in dry flour to absorb the perspiration.

FINISHING.

All old work should be finished in this way, no matter what kind of wood it may be. The varnish is transparent, and will not affect the color, except to enrich it. For the shellac varnish use a soft flat brush, and for the finishing varnish a flat bristle brush; any paint dealer will sell you the proper brushes. —*Ladies' Home Journal.*

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A Close Call.

Mr. J. P. Blaize, an extensive real estate dealer in this city, narrowly escaped one of the severest attacks of pneumonia while in the northern part of the state during the recent blizzard. Mr. Blaize had occasion to drive several miles during the storm and was so thoroughly chilled that he was unable to get warm, and inside of an hour after his return he was threatened with a severe case of pneumonia, or lung fever. Mr. Blaize sent to the nearest drug store and got a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, of which he had often heard, and took a number of large doses. He says the effect was wonderful and that in a short time he was breathing quite easily. He kept on taking the medicine and the next day was able to come to Des Moines. Mr. Blaize regards his cure as simply wonderful and says he will never travel again without a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.—*The Des Moines, Iowa, Saturday Review.* 50 cent bottles for sale by druggists.

WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

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The corporation of rifle manufacturers at Liege, Belgium, has addressed a petition to the government asking for a subsidy to enable it to make a worthy exhibit of its branch of industry at the Chicago Exposition. At Liege about 40,000 persons are employed in the manufacture of arms, but during recent years it is said that the productions of Liege have diminished in prestige. The manufacturers are now trying to re-establish their arms in favor, and to this end want to make an exhibit at Chicago.

Several additions have recently been made to the appropriations made by the states and territories, which now aggregate \$3,180,000. Maryland and New York, respectively, have voted \$50,000 and \$300,000; New Jersey has increased its appropriation of \$23,000 by \$50,000; Iowa its \$50,000 by \$125,000, and Massachusetts has doubled the \$75,000, which it had already appropriated.

Idaho will show some splendid specimens of mica in the mines building. It has ledges of mica eight feet thick and apparently inexhaustible. Sheets of it as large as 10x12 inches, without a flaw, and as thin as tissue paper, are not uncommon. It is proposed to have some of the windows in the Idaho building glazed with mica.

Minnesota will supplement its World's Fair appropriation of \$50,000 by \$100,000 raised by subscription. Nearly three-fourths of that amount has already been secured. Hennepin county, in which Minneapolis is situated, has contributed \$25,000. Minnesota will expend \$25,000 for a building.

A herd of live elk will be taken from Idaho to the exposition. In the Montana exhibit will be shown about 100 specimens of wild animals and birds, native to that state, and set up by a skilled taxidermist.

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